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Col. Christopher Knight, Director
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Dear Col. Knight:

Please excuse the tardiness of this letter. I am writing to convey my deep appreciation and sincere thanks to you, and all of the members of the Patrol who came out to show their support for us because of our extremely painful loss.

Darryl's service was a wonderful tribute to a man who felt honored to wear the Florida Highway Patrol uniform. The comforting and encouraging remarks made by you and others will forever remain in my memory; I call upon them often to ease the sadness and grief I still bear.

Personally, I wish to thank you for taking an interest in Darryl Jr. and his effort to become a Trooper. As I am sure you are aware, he completed his training at Daytona Beach C.C., and passed his physical exam. He is eagerly awaiting admission to the academy. My feelings are mixed, but I can understand and appreciate his wanting to follow in his father's fairly large footsteps. I am proud of his determination, and his commitment to continue despite the circumstances of his loss.

Again, I wish to commend the Patrol, especially Troopers Jay Crosby, Roxie Cummings, and Richard May for their "beyond the call of duty" acts of kindness. In addition, Lt. Kevin Vaughn has shown continued support for us, as a representative of Troop D, and as a friend. We are forever indebted to you all.

Sincerely,

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